

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 9 under 35 U. S. C. § 103. The Examiner relied upon the combination of Nakazawa U. S. Patent 5,967,489 (hereinafter Nakazawa) and Ollivier U. S. Patent 6,450,200 (hereinafter Ollivier) to support this rejection.

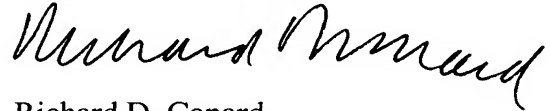
Claim 1 has now been amended to recite “[a] fluid pressure regulator assembly including a body having first, second and third surfaces, the body including a housing,* a first passageway extending from a first port provided in the first surface to a second port provided in the third surface, a second passageway extending from a third port provided in the third surface to a fourth port provided in the second surface, a bypass valve in the housing, a third passageway extending from the first passageway to the housing, a fourth passageway extending from the housing to the second passageway, the bypass valve controlling flow from the first passageway through the third passageway and the fourth passageway to the second passageway in response to a bypass control signal coupled to the bypass valve, and a pressure regulator including a fifth control port for receiving a fluid pressure signal, a sixth port in fluid communication with the second port and a seventh port in fluid communication with the third port to control the pressure of fluid flowing from the second port to the third port.”

Neither Nakazawa nor Ollivier discloses or suggests “[a] fluid pressure regulator assembly including a body having first, second and third surfaces, the body including a housing, . . . a bypass valve in the housing, a third passageway extending from the first passageway to the housing, [and] a fourth passageway extending from the housing to the second passageway, the bypass valve controlling flow from the first passageway through the third passageway and the fourth passageway to the second passageway in response to a bypass control signal coupled to the bypass valve.” (Claim 1, from which all of claims 2-5 and 9 depend, either directly or indirectly.) Since neither Nakazawa nor Ollivier discloses or suggests this specifically recited structure of claim 1, the combination of these two cannot fairly be said to disclose or suggest this structure. Accordingly, claims 1-5 and 9, as amended herein, are entitled to favorable consideration, culminating in allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner cited U. S. Patents 6,283,143 and 6,394,138 as of interest. Applicants have considered these references, and believe that their claims, as presented herein, are patentable over the references of record.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be due to constitute this a timely response to the July 30, 2003 official action to our undersigned counsel's deposit account with reference to file number 3030-69091. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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